

"IT seems very strange indeed, colonel," said Capt. Goodfellow (secretary to his excellency, Sir Evington Beecham, governor of Hongkong), as he took his seat by the side of Col. Oliver Hopkins, the newly appointed American consul, "that with all Inspector Higgins' skill and ingenuity he hasn't been able as yet to throw any light upon that robbery at the hotel two weeks ago."

A LAS! This was one of the cases where all the influence of friends and even the almighty power of the ten-dollar proved ineffectual—for not one of the port had one for

young friend Lieut. Wetmore of the consulate brought them directly from the factory in the Philippines. By the way, he is remarkably the young man—quite different from many of the consular officials whom I have known—you have met him, of course?"

"Oh, yes, sir, I've had quite a number

forgive him, pay him anything he asks, but bring my treasure back to me!"

"Be peacefully happy. Miss Tucker and I and west are joining hands to help you. If we cannot pledge success, at least we can always hope for it. As the sages said of old:

to me, and pledged himself that as
Miss Tucker had vowed to see in it
the face of her 'future,' he proposed
to paint his face on that mirror be-
fore any other man had a chance.

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ANY one can get a "rise" out of Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas by intimating in his presence that none but young men accomplish big things.

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on the disappearing of the Tucker mirror. "Of course," began the chief, "the hotel boy who brought in the tea things is our first thought. He seems to have been the only outsider who

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